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## "Computer" not ready to end registration lines

by Cathy Murff

The majority of the Meredith student body is now aware of the "computer" housed on the third floor of Johnson Hall, and is eagerly awaiting the day when the long lines that are synonymous with pre-registration and registration are extinct. What is less well-known is that there is no computer on the third floor, but data processing equipment that was installed more than a year ago to facilitate the work of the Business Office.

Since then, the uses of this equipment have been expanded to aid the Alumna Office and the Development Office in their work. And this

semester, for the first time, the registration and records processes were added. This makes statistical data concerning such questions as the number of classes and their size more readily available and will aid the college in determining the needs of the various departments. Currently, the data processing equipment is not being used to its full capability - this will come with time - but it is increasing the efficiency of many of the administrative tasks.

However, contrary to the rumor now circulating, the equipment is not being used to aid Meredith students in registering for classes. All student records are still being handled personally in the Registrar's Office, and the tedious job of signing class roles at pre-registration will still have to be faced, at least in the near future.

A business firm has offered to donate a computer to the college, but this computer is designed for business functions not for teaching functions. There is, at this time, a committee composed of students, staff, and administration investigating Meredith's need for a computer. Meredith is continuing to grow, especially in the number of non-degree candidates, and is now reaching the point where, from an administrative and teaching standpoint, it might be economically feasible to have its own computer.

At this time, however, Meredith is using the computer services at TUCC. The delay in receiving first semester grades was due to an incorrectly designed program, but in the future this problem will not arise as the same program, now correctly written, can be used.

With all this in mind, and the hope that some day pre-

registration may consist simply of turning a schedule card in to the Registrar's Office, perhaps Meredith can face the signing of class roles with a little more patience and understanding. Even if it does mean getting up at 8:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning!

## Basketball tournament planned

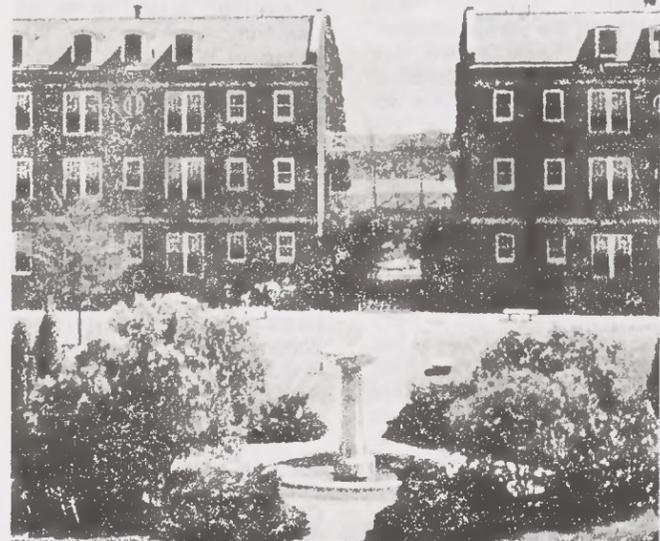
Meredith College will host the third annual state basketball tournament February 21, 11 and 23. Schools participating in the tournament include Atlantic Christian College, Duke University, Catawba College, Peace College, N.C. State University, Pembroke State College, Sandhills Community College, UNC-Wilmington and Meredith. General admission will be \$2.00 and student admission, \$1.00. The game schedule is as follows:

Thursday - 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 6:30, and 8:30.

Friday - 1:00, 3:00, 6:30, and 8:30.

Saturday - 10:00 - Consolation Finals, 12:00 - Championship.

Anyone who is free and willing to help with the mechanics of the tournament, contact Mrs. Vandiver.



Maybe our fountain would look better with a few trees, like it used to be.

## Grade changes given time limit

All grade changes and corrections must be computed by the end of the semester following the one in which the grade was given, reports the Registrar's office. This new rule was approved by the Academic Council in November. All other procedures involved in grade changes and corrections remain the same. Dean Burris must approve all grade changes made by a professor or the request of a student,

while Mr. Hiott must approve all corrections of inaccurately recorded grades reported by professors.

Classification requirements too have been changed because the college now gives credit for P.E. To be considered a sophomore, a student will need 25 instead of 23 hours. Junior classification will require 60 hours; senior classification 90 hours. This change affects all areas of

student life that depend on classification by hours, like running for campus office, or qualifying for SDH.

Next fall, Mr. Hiott also announced, the add period for courses will be shortened to five class days to prevent loss of time in courses added.

The drop period will remain the same length. **SNOOPY GO HOME IS ATTITUDE OF MANY COLLEGE CAMPUSES**  
By Joan Fassnacht

## 'Snoopy go home' is attitude of many college campuses

By Joan Fassnacht

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article is reprinted from **CAMPUS LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE**.

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If there's a true Heaven on earth for pets, it must surely be found among the almost 3,000 college and university campuses in these United States.

And progressive Hampshire College in western Massachusetts may be it. Administrators there have generously permitted pets to live with their masters and mistresses in the dormitories since the college's opening in 1970.

The University of California at Davis may be another one. For it is here that a student may shelter his dog, providing that the other residents of his dorm floor vote to let the dog in and his roommate agrees. While the dog must dine in his room (cafeterias are a no-no), he can go to class, if the professor approves. One

professor even teaches a class for animal lovers called "Companion Animals."

While dogs are not universally welcomed on the campuses, there are other heavenly places where pets are given free rein, and they take advantage of it. Take Sophomore at Mankato State, for example. He is a real swinger. Besides walking coeds of all shapes, sizes and scents to classes and cafeterias, this Irish setter spends much of his time sniffing out weekend parties.

At Troy State, Ox is one Theta Chi who prefers the sedentary life to that of a rascal. He likes to eat and sleep; then eat and sleep some more. Ox, a 115-pound St. Bernard, likes to take baths, events which occur once or twice a month in a parking lot with some detergent and a garden hose.

George may look like just another mutt to you and me, but to the students at Rensselaer, he has become the most colorful character on campus. George likes to test a professor's ability to hold an audience while he exhibits his masculine prowess to one of

his lady friends.

At other colleges however, officials assume a doggedly defiant attitude towards the pet issue. In a study of thirty-six campuses across the country, the consensus of college officials is one of "Snoopy Go Home."

### BLANTON PICKED

The President of the N.C. Psychological Association, Dr. Arnold D. Krugmen of the VA Hospital in Durham has appointed Dr. Gloria H. Blanton, Associate Professor of Psychology, to the Association's committee on the Status of Women. She was suggested for committee membership as one who is "eager, interested and able" to contribute effectively to the work of the new committee.

### C.C.A. MOVIES

The College Center Association has had many excellent movies this year. There are still three movies yet to come. On February 17 "Bullett" will be shown. The movie March 17 is "My Fair

Lady". The last movie is "Thoroughly Modern Millie" on April 14. These movies will be shown at 3:00, 6:00, and 9:00 instead of 3:00, 7:00, and 9:00 as printed on the tickets. Remember the time change and be there for all three movies.

### SUMMER YOUTH CORPS

The Baptist State Convention and local Baptist Colleges of North Carolina cooperate in a unique summer program called "Youth Corps." In this program students from Baptist Colleges serve in Baptist churches for ten weeks during the summer. Students who are part of the Youth Corps work with youth, education,

recreation and music programs in a local Baptist Church.

The salary for this summer work is \$50 per week. The Baptist College which the student represents provide \$25 per week and the participating churches pay \$25 per week. Room and board are also provided by the church. A week of orientation is held at Gardner-Webb College before the student actually begins work.

This summer can provide some excellent experiences in serving through a local church. If you are interested in applying for Youth Corps, contact Larry Williams or Mrs. Marie Capel.

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